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# Inside The Crosstown Shootout the head from a mascot's perspective

By Mr. MUSKIE  
NEWSWIRE GUEST COLUMNIST  
AND XAVIER MASCOT

At 6:00 a.m. the morning of the Crosstown Shootout, I arose from the Muskie's chambers and proceeded to my perch overlooking the Xavier campus.

The full moon lit up the sky like a last second shot and I said to myself, "This will be a most memorable day in the lives of the Musketeers."

Looking back on the events of last Tuesday, I am truly honored to be involved with a team and a school of such courage and class.

When I speak of courage, I speak of a team that never talked in terms of "I think we can win this game" but in terms of "We will win this game." It is this courage that allowed them to never once believe the hype and never once back down to the 13,000 uncivilized Cincinnati fans. We stayed focused, we kept our heads, and we

won the game.

When I speak of class, I do not speak in terms of Bearcat fans. Where do these people come from? It seemed all the ignorant and stupid people of the world decided to cheer for a basketball team.

These are people with a limited vocabulary. The number of vulgar phrases and cheers made me wonder if 2 Live Crew and Andrew Dice Clay joined forces and became cheerleaders. Bearcat fans are not only phonetically challenged ("Hey X-guy...yeah...uh....You stink!") but come to the game with pockets full of coins to throw at visiting fans, cheerleaders and mascots.

On the upside, I collected enough change at the game to actually get myself bronzed. Thanks UC!

When I speak of class, I speak in terms of the Xavier faithful. These are the fans that wore their Xavier blue in a sea of

red, celebrated at Dana's for hours after the game, and assembled in groups of hundreds at the O'Connor Sports Center. They welcomed back the team with much deserved cheers and support (not to mention champagne).

Whoever started this mass exodus to meet the team when it returned needs to be congratulated.

Not only was it a great celebration, but it proved to the team, and to the athletic department, that Xavier students as a whole are fanatical and are capable of becoming a factor in Xavier victories.

Many hoped that the feeling of that night would never end. Well, nobody says it has to.

The UC victory was not only an opportunity for our team to step into the national spotlight, but also an opportunity for our fans in the future. If you thought it was great bragging to your friends about last week's victory,

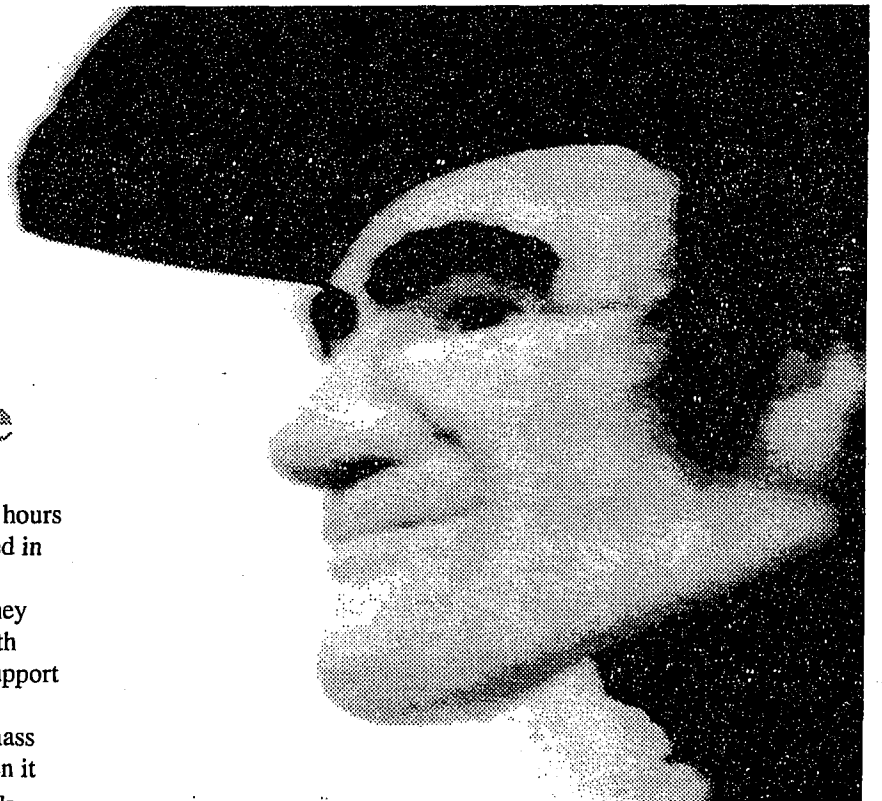
wait until you can claim you got crazy at a game and made it on an ESPN Sportcenter highlight.

Many of you have heard the stories of the win over Georgetown or the controversial loss to Indiana. It's time for us (as fans) to start making some history of our own and to do our best to help usher in an era of Xavier dominance. We are doing well so far, but there is so much more we can become.

I roam the crowds of students every game and feed off your energy. The louder you become the more excited and the crazier I get! When the student

sections are rockin' the rest of the Gardens tends to follow suit.

Become involved in Xavier basketball. Come up with something creative of your own or simply join in the traditions of other Xavier fans. Next game, before the first basket, clap your hands and scream until your lungs explode. Don't stop for anything, not even a whistle or a time out. Not only will this revive an old tradition, but it will show the team that Xavier fans want to make every game as exciting as the UC game, and make this year the most memorable year in the lives of the Musketeers.



## Muskies 4-0; Ranked 23rd

By TOM DECORTE  
THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

"We hath entered the house of the giants and we hath slain them."

This sign hung proudly in the Cincinnati Gardens during the Musketeers game against Miami on Saturday.

A 4-0 start, coupled with an upset victory of top-ranked Cincinnati, has put Xavier in the national polls.

The writers put Xavier in the 23rd slot in the Associated Press Top 25. The Muskies just missed the Top 25 in the USA Today/CNN coaches poll. Xavier placed 26th in that poll, missing the Top 25 by three votes.

The victory over UC played a major role in catapulting Xavier into the polls, but the Musketeers have looked good in their three other victories as well.

Xavier opened the season with a 98-73 Homecoming win over Western Ken-

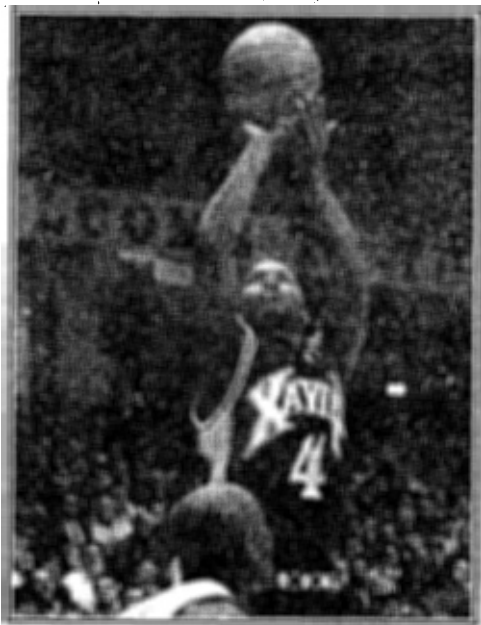
tucky. The Muskies showed no signs of a let down after their 71-69 defeat of Cincinnati when they beat Miami 92-71. XU picked up another victory on Monday night in a 95-64 defeat of Florida A&M.

The ranking is Xavier's first appearance in national poll since the 1994-95 season. XU was 25th in the AP poll in the end of February 1995, Skip Prosser's first campaign as Muskie head coach. The Muskies had just completed a 23-3 regular season, and had posted a perfect 14-0 record in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

This marks the fourth time in five seasons that the Musketeers have appeared in a national poll.

"Our kids have really practiced well," said Xavier head coach Skip Prosser, "The effort of the assistant coaches and players who don't get that much playing time should get a lot of credit for our start."

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Lenny Brown sank the game winning shot in Xavier's 71-69 upset victory over No. 1 Cincinnati. Brown led XU with 19 points.

More inside about the  
Crosstown Shootout  
**Play by  
play  
coverage  
of the  
game**

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**NEWS briefs****Essay contest**

The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity is sponsoring its annual essay contest for full-time undergraduate juniors and seniors. Students are challenged to examine and analyze urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's complex world. The Financial Aid Office will be coordinating the submission of this year's essays. A panel consisting of instructors from the English, Philosophy and Theology departments will review all the essays turned in and will select the three to be submitted to the Elie Wiesel Foundation. Those interested in submitting an essay should stop by the Financial Aid Office for more information, including this year's suggested themes. All essays must be returned to the Financial Aid Office by Dec. 20. First prize is \$5000, second prize is \$2500, third prize is \$1500 and two honorable mentions at \$500 each.

**Research wanted**

The university is issuing a call for papers for its first ever women's conference to be held on April 4-6. They are looking for undergraduate and graduate research centering upon women's organizations; self-image; women in sports; women's work; representations of women in literature, music, theater and artwork and drama dealing with contemporary women's issues. Class projects and writing are welcome. All proposals must be submitted for review by Jan. 15.

**Acting workshop**

Linda Meacci, a Xavier graduate who has taught, worked and studied internationally in theatre, film and television, is teaching a three day acting workshop this weekend beginning Friday. The rate for students is \$65. For more information, call 745-3202.

—compiled by Virginia Sutcliffe

**Security Notes**

**Wednesday, November 20, 12:05 p.m.**

A student in Kuhlman reported someone obtained her bank card and withdrew \$350 from her account. A suspect has been identified.

**Thursday, November 21, 1:00 p.m.**

Someone stole a university owned Visa card from the library and used it to charge over \$2,000 of unauthorized merchandise.

**Saturday, November 23, 3:24 a.m.**

A commuter student discharged a fire extinguisher on the third floor of Brockman, which prompted another student to pull the fire alarm and evacuate the building.

**Security note of the week**

**Monday, December 2, 12:20 p.m.**

Marijuana plants were found growing in the closet of a Village apartment. Two students will be brought up on internal charges for cultivation of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The plants' estimated worth is from \$300-\$500.

—compiled by Kara Benken



by Deena Delfosse

*Performing arts organizations like the Xavier Players are finding it difficult to organize events with a fluctuating budget.*

**Performing Arts task force**

BY LEAH MONTGOMERY  
THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

A task force has been formed to find a solution to the inconsistent funding of performance arts.

Currently, the performing arts are funded by Student Development and Student Government Association.

The performing arts include student organizations such as the Xavier Players, XU Singers, Xavier Band and Xavier Gospel Choir.

This fluctuating budget makes it difficult for these organizations to plan and organize events.

The task force is made up of members from Student Development, SGA and the individual leaders of the performing arts organizations. Their main objective is to determine other outlets that could fund the performing arts.

The task force is looking for ways to increase funding that ties in with the whole educational process.

Student senator Chris Dake said that this task group wants to stress that for many students, the performing arts and the educational process are not at all separate, they are very

much a part of each other.

"Consistent funding for the performing arts is necessary for bigger and better productions and performances," said Dake.

Many talented individuals come to this university and they have certain expectations involving its performing arts.

For example, the Xavier Players have to bring in lighting designers, choreographers and costume designers in order to give the community the best performance possible.

But if the funds are not helping to meet expectations, the overall performance and appearance of the program is affected.

The Xavier Players would also like to be able to host professionals to teach workshops.

Director of Performing Arts, Cathy Springfield said that workshop ideas would be beneficial to individuals with aspirations to continue their involvement with the arts beyond college.

"We really need consistent funding because expectations are high and increased production values improve the educational quality of the aesthetic experience," said Springfield.

**Holiday friendship**

BY VIRGINIA SUTCLIFFE  
THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

College Friends is sponsoring their annual Christmas Party this Friday from 3:30-6 p.m. in the O'Connor Sports Center gym.

College Friends is a mentor program in which a local area school child is placed with a Xavier college student.

The group sponsors many activities throughout the year including the Christmas Party.

This year, 150 kids are expected to meet their college friend and attend various activity booths sponsored by Xavier clubs.

Co-director of events and public relations, Carrie Kopp said they are still looking for clubs to sponsor activity booths.

"We still desperately need volunteers. Each booth should provide their own supplies and/or prizes for the kids," said Kopp.

Volunteers are needed to set up before and/or take down after the event.

The kids will also receive free McDonald's hamburgers and have the opportunity to get their picture taken with Santa Claus.

Clubs wishing to reserve a booth should call Lisa Brown at 985-2838, Carrie Kopp at 985-5936 or Chuck Knippen at 985-8400.



# Better grades in less time

BY KARA BENKEN  
THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

Xavier students who returned from Thanksgiving Break to find more work than they anticipated will appreciate the Better Grades in Less Time lecture tonight at seven in Kelley Auditorium.

The featured speaker is the nationally recognized author and speaker Gary Tuerack, who promises faster reading, increased comprehension and enhanced memory power.

This will be the first event of the year sponsored solely by the Lecture Series.

Senior Shannon Lundy, coordinator of the Lecture Series, thought the timing of the event to be especially appropriate.

She said, "This event is to boost kids up for the tests and papers due these next couple weeks."

"I hope this will get kids more motivated and refocused so they can do well on finals and can enjoy their Christmas Break."

Tuerack speaks at colleges regularly, particularly to underclassmen who were able to

breeze through high school but were forced to work harder once they got to college.

The biggest claim Tuerack makes is that everyone can save hours each day by learning things such as how to double your reading speed and improve your retention of material.

"He came recommended by many prestigious schools such as Harvard, Columbia, Brown and Cornell, who claimed he was the best event of the year," said Lundy.

Legislative Vice President of Student Government Association senior Matt Whitehead said, "This time of year with deadlines and projects being due, people need to budget every minute of their day."

Lundy said, "The Lecture Series program has been revamped this year to bring more improved programs, whether educational, informative or fun."

Expected Lecture Series speakers for the spring semester include Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr. in February for Black History Month, a survivor of the Holocaust, and a heterosexual man who contracted AIDS from unprotected sex.

## Scholarship Information

### GLAMOUR TOP TEN COLLEGE WOMEN

This scholarship includes a \$100 cash prize plus recognition in the Oct. 1997 issue of *Glamour* magazine. Applications will be judged on the basis of leadership experience, personal involvement in community and campus affairs, and academic experience. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. There is no deadline given.

### SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CINCINNATI

This scholarship is for women working toward a bachelors, master or doctoral degree. Applicants will be judged on their scholarship, community activities, financial need and the effort they are making toward attaining an education. The winner becomes eligible for district and possibly regional awards.

### UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY REHABILITATION SERVICES

This is a scholarship for full time juniors and seniors who are majoring in a field that will benefit people with disabilities. The students must have a GPA of 2.5 and be residents of one of the following counties: Montgomery, Greene, Preble, Miami, Clark or Darke. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. The deadline is Feb. 14.

—submitted by Financial Aid



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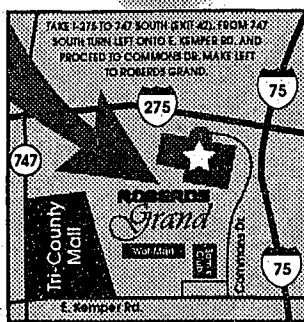
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## Commuter Services Information

### Commuter Council

Commuter Council recently held their first meeting of the 1996-97 school year. The council includes freshmen Jason Winterhalter (secretary) and Bart Peters, and three juniors, Brandon Dunphy, Gina Manday and Jodi Fiedelley. The meeting times for next semester will be announced at a future date. All commuters are encouraged to attend and express their concerns or ideas. Commuter Council is a subordinate body of SGA that advocates and addresses the needs of commuter students.

### Upcoming events

The Office of Commuter Services is sponsoring a Stress Management Seminar on Tuesday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Sycamore House.

On Wednesday, from 1-5 p.m. they will be helping to hang lights around Bellarmine Chapel. Volunteers are needed.

For more information on these events or others call 745-3824.

If you would like to write for the News section call 745-3122



## Letters to the Editor

### Xavier Security needs 'jump-start'

Safety and Security at Xavier is generally not considered by students to be the most respected group on campus. However, few would disagree in all seriousness that they provide a necessary service and execute their duties well for the most part. Though incidents like the bus situation after the Homecoming dance or their attempts to maintain control at the Candlebox concert last year, lead us to see them as incompetent, I think most everyone feels secure on campus and in the surrounding areas. However, last week I found Safety and Security negligent in their duties.

On the Thursday of the week before Thanksgiving Break, as I attempted to run a few errands, I found my car dead. On the next Sunday, I asked Safety and Security to jump-start my car, assuming it was only a dead battery and it would hold the charge until I could drive home on Tuesday. Safety and Security came expediently and my car started immediately from the jump. I thanked them and then they left. I drove my car around for a half hour while running errands and assumed it would be fine. Two days later my car was dead again.

The charge did not hold and I requested Safety and Security to jump-start my car a second time. I was refused. Chief (Mike) Couch of Safety and Security said, "We can't be jumping your car all of the time ... risking damage to our vehicles where we just got done paying for \$180 worth of electrical damages to one ... We only have two vehicles and can't risk deadlining one of them ... You should have taken your car immediately to a mechanic where it could be fixed since it is a sign of a more serious problem ... Do you have AAA? ... You need to call someone and have a wrecker come out."

I purchased this car at the beginning of the summer and never had any trouble until that Thursday. Asking for two jumps (and receiving one) is not "jumping your car all of the time." When I was jumped the first time, I was not advised that it could be a more serious problem and that I should take it to a shop immediately. I was not told that I would not be jumped again. A dead car means either a weak battery, bad starter or a problem with an alternator. A single jump and a good alternator should re-energize the battery if left to run long enough. The patrol cars are especially equipped for jumping cars and should be able to start cars with no damage and never lead to deadlining. Concerning the electrical damage to the patrol cars, the cause was not given.

After being denied by Safety and Security, I found a couple of friends with jumper cables and tried to jump it on two different occasions, the latter with a larger engine. Both proved unsuccessful. Finally I found the number of a wrecker, since I am not a member of AAA. They pulled up in a Ford Sonoma (not any more industrial than the XU cars) with what appeared to be the same equipment as XU. The car started immediately, at a cost of \$30. I drove the car home and found that the battery acid and water had completely evaporated. I replenished them both and have been without any problems.

There seems to be apathy and neglect to responsibilities on the part of Safety and Security. On the phone, I felt patronized and was given no concern. With the tuition we pay, no student should be denied a second jump to get home for Thanksgiving. Helping students in car trouble seems to me to be one of the few ways Safety and Security can show they are more than a bunch of "rent-a-cops."

John Elrod  
sophomore

### Coffee feature missed point

I was so amazed to find an article in *The Newswire* about one of my favorite pastimes in this area, coffeehouses. However, after reading the article, I was (and still am) highly disappointed. The article completely failed to give the true experience of any of the four mentioned coffeehouses. It instead focused on such things as restroom facilities and the toilet paper in them.

This is not an important aspect for any true lover of coffee. I also found it disturbing that the article basically destroyed the reputations of both Highland's and Kaldi's. Both of them happen to be my favorite coffeehouses and I happen to frequent them often.

Highland is a very unique coffee experience. The waiters and waitresses are very friendly. The Highland experience and atmosphere is much more important than the

restrooms or the slightly old appearance of things or even the plastic mugs. People who truly love coffee do not go to coffeehouses for the materialistic reasons but rather for the environment.

Kaldi's, Sitwell's, Highland's and Angst's are extremely unique in what they have to offer besides coffee. They are great places to listen to jazz, relax with a friend, play a game of chess or even study. All of these aspects were not mentioned. Even the coffee at each place is highly unique. The article failed to mention the great variety of alcoholic and nonalcoholic coffee drinks at each. I fear that the article addressed the Starbucks' clique and not the true coffeehouse clique. As Jay, the Highland's waiter the article thrashed said, "those students' jive is not a coffee house, but rather McDonald's." The next time *The Newswire* does an article on such a topic, please be more open and less judgmental.

Venus Fasce  
Cincinnati

## Local poor lose leader

By SAYRAH LOHRSTORFER  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I was standing outside of ReSTOC on 14th Street the day after homeless advocate Buddy Gray was shot and killed. Two men walked up to me and wanted to tell me their stories of how Buddy helped them. They said they were homeless, desperate and hungry alcoholics. They pointed out the apartment they now live in and told me that because of Buddy, they now had their own place, beat their addictions, obtained employment and now had dignity. All morning at the Drop Inn Center, at a vigil on-campus, at his memorial downtown and the entire week following his murder, people told me their stories about Buddy and how he changed their lives forever.

Buddy liberated people from poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness and oppression. He was a freedom fighter and he empowered people. He met people of all classes, the rich, middle class, the sheltered Xavier student and the poor. He was gifted with discovering talents in people and putting them to use in the cause of justice. His life was so full and his accomplishments so numerous, that I can't put them on paper. I carry in my mind the stories of others, the words, protest and poetry of Buddy. In addition, I carry all of the pictures of his legacy. I have pictures of several thousand people marching in the streets in Over-the-Rhine at his memorial, pictures of ReSTOC, the Drop Inn Center, the Recovery Hotel and, most importantly, strong empowered people, will be with me forever.

Many have compared his life to that of Jesus Christ. He was a radical that lived and ate among the poor and the social outcasts, whose life was focused on justice and who fought those in power. Eventually,

he was betrayed by one of his own people (although Jesus's death was brought on by many people). One student told me he used to see Buddy at City Council meetings, dressed in raggy clothes with his bandana around his head. The student thought Buddy was an ignorant bum who just showed up at the meetings, but then he heard him speak and realized the man was more intelligent than the city council members.

He used creative and powerful ways to fight injustice, like refusing to leave abandoned buildings the city wanted to demolish, so the poor could live in them. "I don't expect to be patient until there is housing now for all," Gray said. Every time he spoke with me, I was challenged to open my eyes and to change my own actions. He wanted me to be involved in more than just Saturday ReSTOC meetings or Shantytown. I backed down from his request to be a ReSTOC intern this summer, but I still feel his calling and I am still drawn to his work.

Those of you who never knew Buddy missed out on a creative and inspiring man. But you can go to Over-the-Rhine where his spirit is still in the streets and in the warmth that surrounds the homeless who take shelter from the winter chill. All of the people Buddy touched still follow in his footsteps and memory by saying, "Buddy Gray lives in me," and then carry on his legacy. If you want to join this freedom train, you can serve or prepare meals at the Drop Inn Center, rehabilitate apartments for the homeless at ReSTOC, tutor neighborhood children at the Peaslee Center, donate money to the Buddy Gray fund, or just educate yourself on how things affect those who are suffering in our city.

Although our engineer is dead, the freedom train goes on.



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SPORTS *briefs*

## Swimmers in training

Xavier's swim teams both ended up on the losing end of the meet with Louisville on Nov. 23.

The Muskies men were barely defeated by a score of 117-95 by the Cardinals, but the women did not finish as close, losing by a score of 134-75.

Senior Jamie Christman turned in the strongest performance for the Musketeers. He picked up two victories in the meet, and was a member of Xavier's only winning relay team.

Christman won the 50 and 100 free heats. He beat the competition by over a second in the 50, and had over a two second margin of victory in the 100.

In the 800 freestyle relay, Christman teamed up with Pat Wolf, Dan Casey and Joe Liebold to defeat the Cardinal relay team by 14 seconds.

Freshman Nancy McDonald registered the only individual win for the Xavier women. She clocked a time of 2:36.39 in the 200 breast stroke.

The women also picked up a victory in the 800 free style relay. The team of Marcella Broache, Alyssa Robbins, Therese Strickland and Heather Rice completed the relay in 8:18.13.

First year coach Jerry Frentsos is pleased with his team's performance so far this year. Although the team has not won all of their dual meets, Frentsos feels these meets serve more as training for the conference meet.

Frentsos explained that hard training now holds down times, but will pay dividends in the conference meet. "The times aren't that fast, but we just look at these as learning meets," said Frentsos.

The coach feels the team has done a good job adjusting to his style. "I know they've never seen some of the sets I'm throwing at them," said Frentsos, "But they are rising to the challenge."

The Muskies jump in the pool next on Thursday night when they host the Butler Bulldogs in a 6 p.m. meet.

-by Pete Holtermann

## Riflers finish Walsh Tournament

The Xavier rifle team finished out the 40th annual Walsh Tournament by coming in sixth out of 41 teams.

The Walsh tourney is the largest college rifle tournament in the country. The Muskies finished with an aggregate score of 6128.

In the air rifle part of the competition, the Musketeers were once again record setters.

Andrea Parker lead the team with an individual score of 1166 and Karen Alexander was second with 1146 in the smallbore.

Karyn Juziuk scored big for the Muskies in air rifle finishing with a score of 394.

She was followed by Parker, who scored 389 and Alexander who shot a 384.

West Virginia won the tournament with an aggregate score of 6206. Their high scorer in air rifle shot a 391.

Alaska finished in second place with an aggregate score of 6192, and the University of Kentucky placed third with an aggregate score of 6165.

Also competing in the tournament were former XU standouts Jason Parker and Wes Robinson. Parker, a '96 Xavier grad, and Robinson, a '95 grad, competed with a team named the Dinosaurs.

The Dinosaurs competed in the civilian masters category, but finished second out of all teams competing with a score of 6205.

-by Virginia Sutcliffe

## Coming Up

Thursday, Dec. 5

•Swimming vs. Butler; 6 p.m.

•Men's Basketball at Loyola Marymount; 10:30 p.m. (WCPO-TV 9)

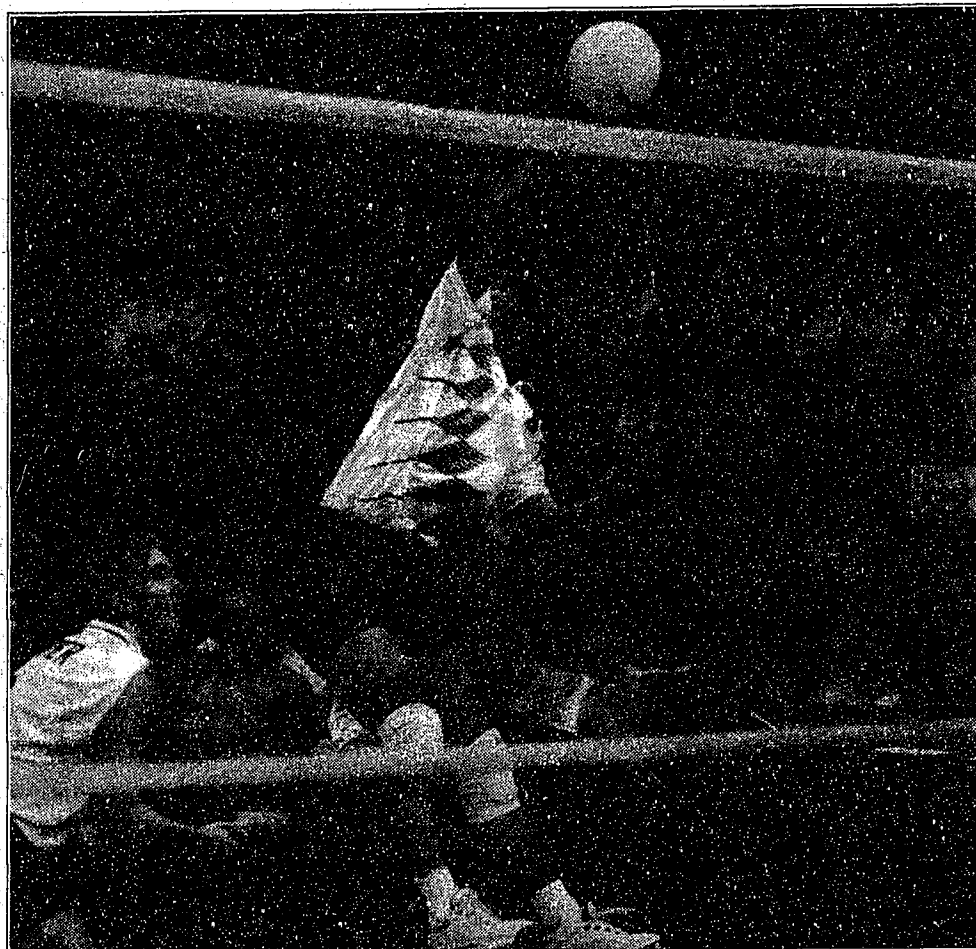
Friday, Dec. 6

•Women's Basketball at Ohio State; 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec 10

•Men's Basketball vs. Long Island; 7:30 p.m.

All home games are in bold  
Home swim meets are held in the O'Connor Sports Center  
Home men's basketball games are played at the Cincinnati Gardens



Senior outside hitter Sally Schulte earned a spot on the Atlantic 10 All-Conference Team.

## Though XU volleyball ended their season on a down note

## Schulte earns A-10 honors

BY SOREN BAKER  
THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

After losing two games that eliminated them from play-off contention, Xavier's women's volleyball team ended its 1996 season with a defeat at the hands of Atlantic 10 rival Dayton.

It was the Musketeers' third consecutive loss.

The Flyers downed Xavier 15-8, 15-7, 14-16, 15-4.

Dayton also defeated Xavier in four games on Oct. 18.

XU finished the season 21-14 overall and fifth place in the A-10 with a 11-9 conference record.

Massachusetts finished in fourth place in the A-10, four games ahead of Xavier. The top four teams in the conference earn spots in the postseason tournament.

Xavier had a realistic chance to make the A-10 tournament after winning consecutive conference matches against Fordham, Virginia Tech and George Washington.

Before losing its last three matches to A-10 teams, Xavier had won six of its last seven conference contests.

"I don't think anyone has figured it out," senior setter Susie Checkett said.

"UMass was our biggest game of the year. We had been playing really well with our victories over Virginia Tech and George Washington, we just let down mentally, really."

Although the team ended the season on a down swing, senior outside hitter Sally Schulte was chosen to the 1996 Atlantic 10 Women's Volleyball All-Conference Team.

"We were all extremely happy for her," Checkett said. "All four years she made such an impact on the team, especially her emotional leadership. This year was tough on her because of the injury to her knee. It was a great credit to her that she came out of it on the A-10 team."

Schulte was also a First Team selection in 1995.

"What more can be said?" Checkett said.

"It is the greatest way besides making it to the [NCAA] tournament to be recognized by the other coaches in the conference. With all of the tough teams in our conference, I think to make it two years in a row is quite an accomplishment."

The A-10 All-Conference Team consists of 12 players.

Schulte led the Musketeers with 511 kills and a .269 hitting percentage. She ranked third in the A-10 in kills, with a 4.6 average and she recorded 378 during the season.

The Ft. Wright, Ky., native also holds Xavier's career kills record (1,779) and all-time attempts record (4,363).

Schulte also finished second on Xavier's career digs list with 1,338, and played the fourth most games in school history with 474.

Despite a loss in the season-ending match with Dayton, Xavier was able to hold onto fifth place in the A-10 final standings.

Dayton's Zhaohui Ma, also an A-10 All-Conference selection, led the Flyers' attack against Xavier with a match-high 26 kills. The Beijing, China native also added 17 kills to her effort.

Ou Huang, also a Beijing native and an A-10 All-Conference selection, stood tall on defense for Dayton, blocking six of Xavier's attacks.

For Xavier, Schulte excelled on defense with 18 digs and senior outside hitter Katie Andrews led XU with 12 kills.

Checkett dished out 32 assists, while sophomore Gabe Cook and freshman Jenny Janszen anchored the Musketeer's defensive effort with three blocks apiece.

With strong inaugural campaigns from Janszen and outside hitter Beth Osterday, and a core of solid upperclassmen, Xavier is not planning on taking a step back next year.

"They have a lot of people on the team who have a lot of experience," Checkett said.

"I think they saw this year what it takes to win and what it takes to go further than we did."



# David-1 Goliath-0: UC X'd out of No. 1

By PETE HOLTERMANN

THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

Sherwin Anderson was a prophet last Tuesday evening.

As the horn sounded at the end of the first half of Xavier's game against crosstown nemesis Cincinnati, the senior guard pounded his fists on the press table and shouted, "We're gonna win this, baby!"

The Musketeers did just that when Lenny Brown drained a jump shot from just inside the free throw line as time expired giving XU the 71-69 upset win over the Bearcat squad that entered the game ranked first in the country.

But Anderson contends that his message wasn't prophetic, it was something he believed. "I had a gut feeling that tonight was our night," he said after the game while clutching the Shootout trophy. "We had the heart tonight."

It was that heart that left the UC team number two in Cincinnati.

The win was part of Xavier's four game winning streak that opened the season. The Muskies are ranked 23rd in the nation thanks to their hot start.

Xavier did everything it had to do to win the game, and the Bearcats struggled to find theirs. Part of the trouble for Cincinnati was a result of Xavier's swarming pressure defense that resulted in 21 UC turnovers, and the Cats' 2-11 shooting from beyond the three point arc.

The game got off to a good start for XU. The Muskies put the first points on the board on a T.J. Johnson free throw, and then took a 3-0 lead on a Lenny Brown

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Cincinnati finally got on the board just over three minutes into the game on a Danny Fortson shot from the lane. Prior to that basket, UC had turned the ball over three times, and saw two shots swatted away by Xavier's Darnell Williams.

Cincinnati's biggest downfall in the first half was the inability to get guards Darnell Burton, Charles Williams and Damon Flint into the game offensively. Combined, the trio took just six shots in the first half, and Flint made the only field goal with less than a minute remaining in the half.

"We knew Fortson was going to get his," said Brown, "So we had to take away one part of their game, so we tried to take away the perimeter."

Brown's defensive play was instrumental to the Muskies' success as he spent much of the contest guarding Burton, the 6-2 senior who scored 19 points in the Cats' season opener against Western Carolina. Against Xavier, Burton struggled, scoring only nine points. He made three of six shots from the floor, including making two of the four three pointers he tried.

"We knew Burton couldn't have a 35 point game," said

Brown. "He's a quick shooter, so I tried to be there every time he caught the ball."

Foul trouble started to set in for Xavier in the first half. T.J. Johnson picked up his third foul with 6:29 remaining, and his foul woes limited him to seeing just over eight and a half minutes of action in the half.

Filling in off X's bench was Kevin Carr. The 6-8 senior underwent knee surgery in June, and was not due back until January. In recent weeks however, he had made significant progress, and had started to practice hard, leading to speculation that he would play in the Shootout.

"He probably played too much tonight," said Musketeer head coach Skip Prosser. "The ten minutes he gave us to buy some time for the other guys was very instrumental." Carr did not score in the 10:53 he was in the game.

At halftime, the game was tied 31-31. UC went into the locker room having out-rebounded Xavier by five, 19-14, but having turned the ball over five more times, 15-10. Xavier held the trio of Bearcat guards to just 10 points in the half, eight of them coming on free throws.

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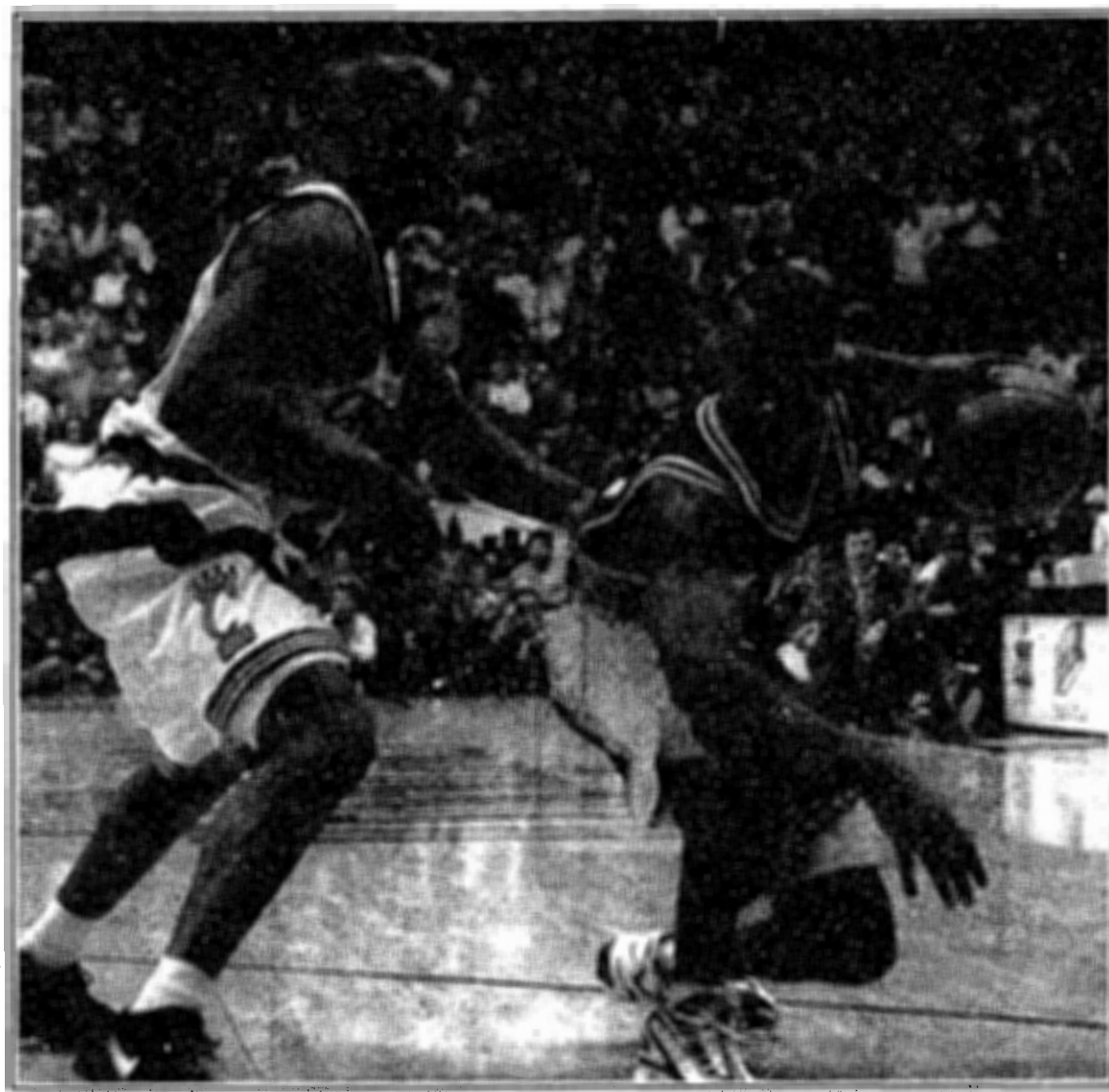
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Many Xavier fans were apprehensive when the Muskies scheduled three intense games to open the season, but the Musketeers showed that they were more than willing opponents.

The Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky came into the Gardens as a seasoned tournament team. The Muskies set the tone early with a frenetic press and aggressive fastbreak.

Xavier broke out to a 52-29 halftime lead, which was spurred by a twelve minute stretch where Xavier outscored the Hilltoppers 32-10. That stretch included an 11-0 run by the Muskies.

The Musketeers shot 64 percent from the field, compared to 41 percent for Western Kentucky. In his regular season debut for the Muskies, junior Torraye Braggs tallied 22 points on 9-9 shooting.

Also making his Xavier debut was forward James Posey, who electrified the Gardens faithful with 20 points and seven rebounds. Posey shot 7-8 from the floor and most of his points came in flashy, highlight film type packages.

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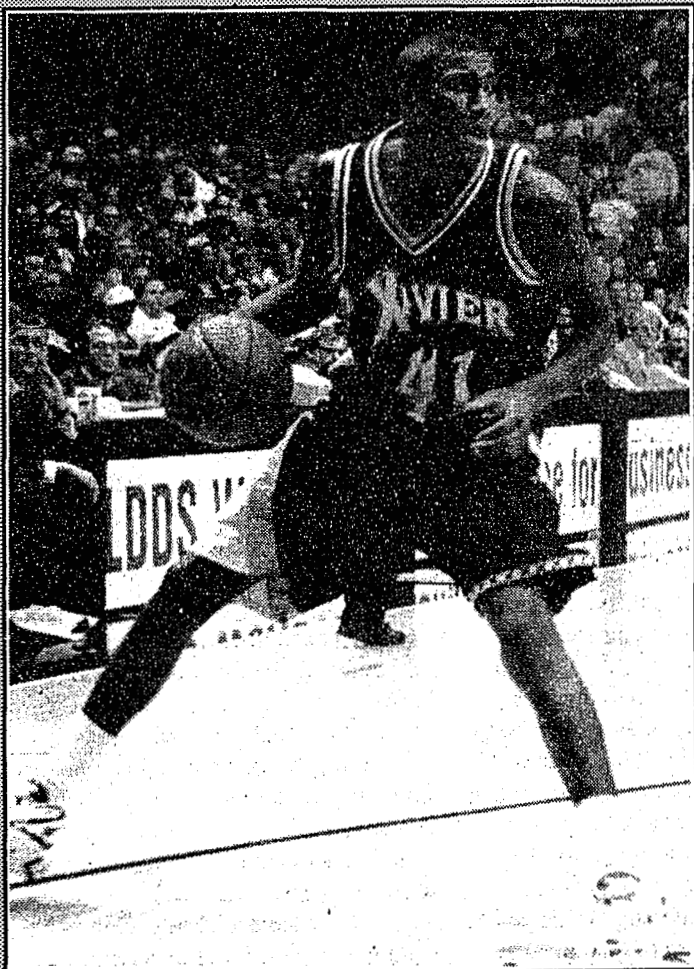
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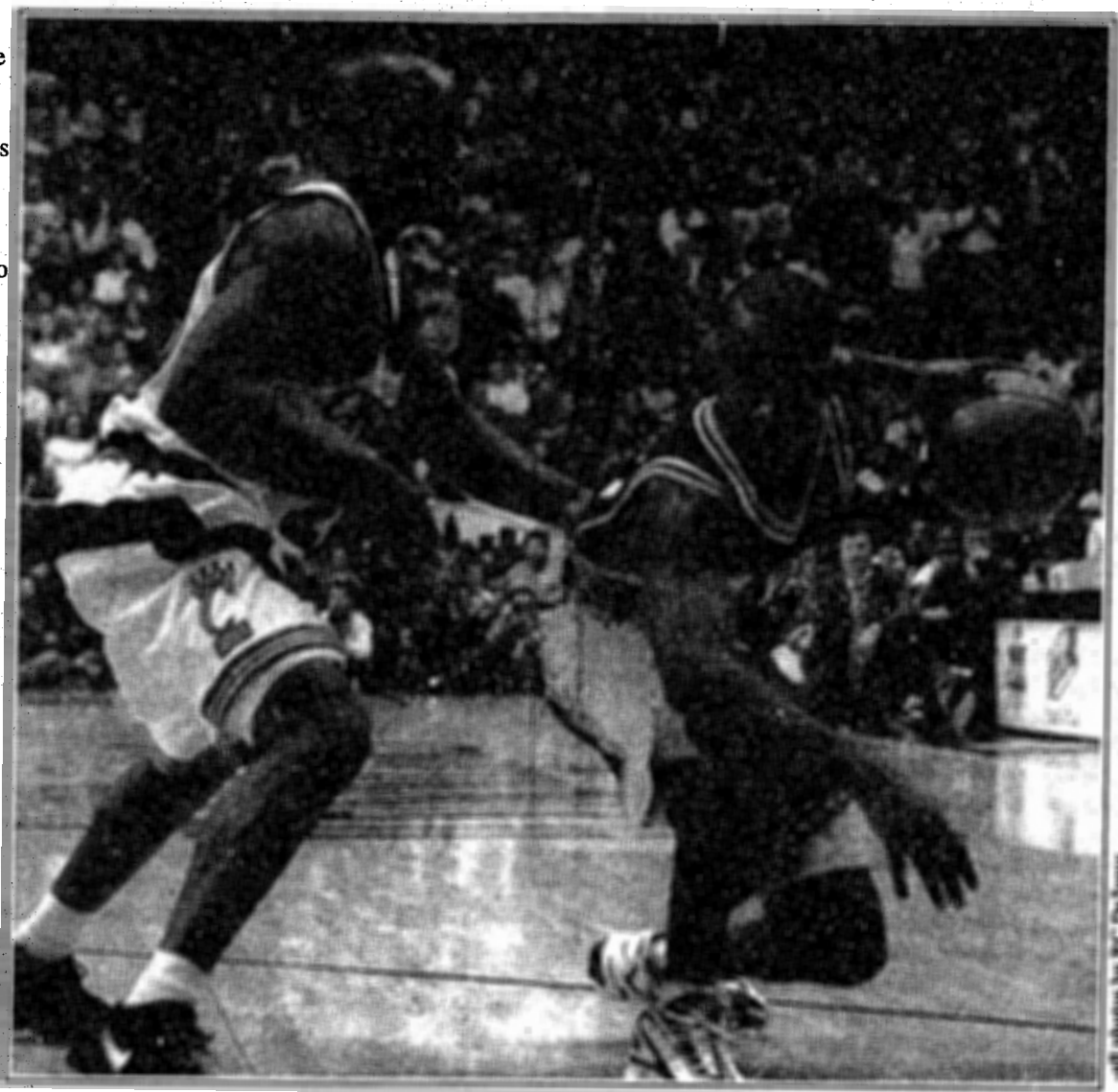
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Two seconds later, Darnell Williams fouled out of the game on a reach-in call. Burton went to the line and hit the first of his foul shots, making it 69-67 with just over 39 seconds left.

Xavier then got the ball and worked to get an open shot. With about seven seconds left, Lumpkin tried a driving shot, but missed. Posey battled for the rebound, but it went out off of UC's Rodrick Monroe.

Sherwin Anderson inbounded the ball from the baseline under the Xavier basket with :07.4 on the clock. Posey easily beat Monroe to be wide open on the block. Anderson fed the ball in, and Posey went up strong and banked home the shot, tying the game at 69.

Cincinnati took a time-out with :06.7 showing on the clock to plan the final play. Flint passed the ball in to Charles Williams. Williams started up the left side of the court, but dribbled the ball off his foot and out of bounds to give Xavier the ball with :05.4 showing on the clock.

With no time-outs left, Prosser yelled instructions to his

team from the bench. Lumpkin inbounded the ball to Brown, who took it near mid-court. Brown dribbled down to the left wing in front of the Xavier bench. He cut back toward the key, and pulled up to take a 15 foot jumper. The ball fell through the net as the horn sounded. The Xavier bench chased down an ecstatic Brown, finally tackling him in front of the UC bench.

“I was hoping he'd foul me, but he didn't,” said Brown. “I just shot the ball. I tried putting some arc on it, hoping that it would bounce around and in.” In addition to his late game heroics, Brown led Xavier with 19 points.

Prosser credited Brown with having the guts to take the shot. “He's got the courage of a cat burglar,” said Prosser.

Xavier was able to out-rebound UC in the game, despite the Cats' distinct size advantage. Posey led Xavier with 11 rebounds, including seven offensive, and he also scored 14 points.

“We kinda let Posey slip in there and get those extra re-

bounds,” said Fortson. “We were really trying to box out T.J. and Braggs.” Fortson led UC with 18 points and nine rebounds.

“We knew we were going to have a hard time blocking them out,” said Prosser. “But, as we

told our players, if we fly to the boards and sprint to the glass, they should have a hard time blocking us out. We're not wide or tall, but we're quick.”

“We just didn't do the things we were supposed to do to win the game,” said Fortson, “And Xavier came in here and kicked our butts.”

“They did things that a hungry team does,” said Bearcat head coach Bob Huggins. “I think they were just hungrier than we were.”

“Sometimes players get wrapped up in that number one ranking. You're not playing the ranking,” said Brown. “You're playing the players inside the lines, and that's what we did. We played the players.”

“We had to come in here and believe we could win,” Posey said. “We had to play hard enough and leave everything on the court, and I think we did that.”

The Bearcats were left questioning their own attitudes after the game. “Some people on this team need to go see the wizard and ask for some toughness,” said Fortson.

“You have to come in here with an aggressive mindset, or they'll take your heart,” said Prosser. “We're still young, but sometimes you can't measure a kid's heart chronologically.”

“We told our players, ‘Savor it, enjoy it.’ It's one they'll be able to tell their grandchildren about.”

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They were able to subdue the Rattlers only big threat, 7'1", 300 lb. center Jerome James. He managed to shoot only 3-12 from the field before fouling out.

“It was like shooting over a tree out there. We just tried to get him tired and in foul trouble and we did that,” Braggs said.

The Muskies dominated the Rattlers defensively, swiping the ball 19 times and blocking five shots. Brown and freshman forward Nate Turner each had four steals.

This was a game of career highs and team records for Xavier. Brown grabbed nine rebounds, a career high, and the Musketeers tied the record for most three pointers in a game with 11.

Posey was the leading scorer with 17 and Lumpkin hit for 15 points on five three pointers. Also scoring in double figures were Braggs and Ken Harvey with 13 while Brown netted 12.

The Muskies got a scare when Brown went down in pain after receiving a blow to the wrist in the first half. Brown's status is day-to-day and he is probable for tomorrow's game.

Tomorrow night the Muskies travel to sunny California for a game against Loyola Maymount. The game starts at 10:30 p.m. on Channel 9 (WCPO). Also, check out a half hour special on Xavier before the start of the game.



*Senior Sherwin Anderson shows a jumper over UC's Damon Flint. Anderson leads the team in assists (5.3 per game) while playing only 15.5 minutes per contest.*



# Muskies split first four contests

By TOM DeCORTÉ  
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The Musketeer women's basketball team is shuffling lineups and searching for chemistry as they opened their season 2-2.

After starting out with a split in their two exhibition contests, the Muskies hoped they had worked out the early season jitters and could get off to a hot start.

However, the Muskies have struggled, shooting only 42 percent from the field and averaging over 25 turnovers a game.

"We're still trying to figure out who plays well together in certain situations," said head coach Melanie Balcomb. "We haven't been able to have many consistent lineups."

In their opener against Northern Illinois, the Muskies took a three point lead into the half before stumbling into cold shooting in the second half.

Xavier shot only 23 percent in the half and fell to the Huskies 80-70.

The home opener was more friendly as Valparaiso came calling. This time Xavier's second half shooting was superb, as they gunned at a 65 percent clip.

Senior Jenny Rauh led the way for the Musketeers with a 22 point effort. Junior small forward Connie Hamberg also produced a good effort, netting 15 to go along with nine rebounds.

The key for the Musketeers was their work on the boards, as they outrebounded the Crusaders

35-24.

Freshman Tina "L.A." Greer sparked the Muskie offense at the point, dishing out ten assists.

The Muskie defense was also strong, blocking three shots and getting 13 steals. Hamberg and center Sheila Flint got four picks apiece.

Against Northern Illinois, leading scorers were freshman Kim "Cheesehead" Hotz with 21 on 7-11 shooting and Rauh with 16.

Last Saturday the Muskies played hosts to the Bradley Braves. The Muskies put in a solid effort, but the Braves offensive attack proved too much for the smaller Muskies.

Bradley went on a 13-4 run early in the second half to put the Muskies away.

The Braves got a fantastic performance from forward Tammy Van Oppen, who scored 28 points, dished 14 assists and made seven steals.

Hotz again led the Musketeer attack with a 16 point, 12 rebound performance. Rauh and Hamberg led from the perimeter with 15 points apiece.

However, the Muskies were cold from behind the three point arc, shooting 4-17 from long range.

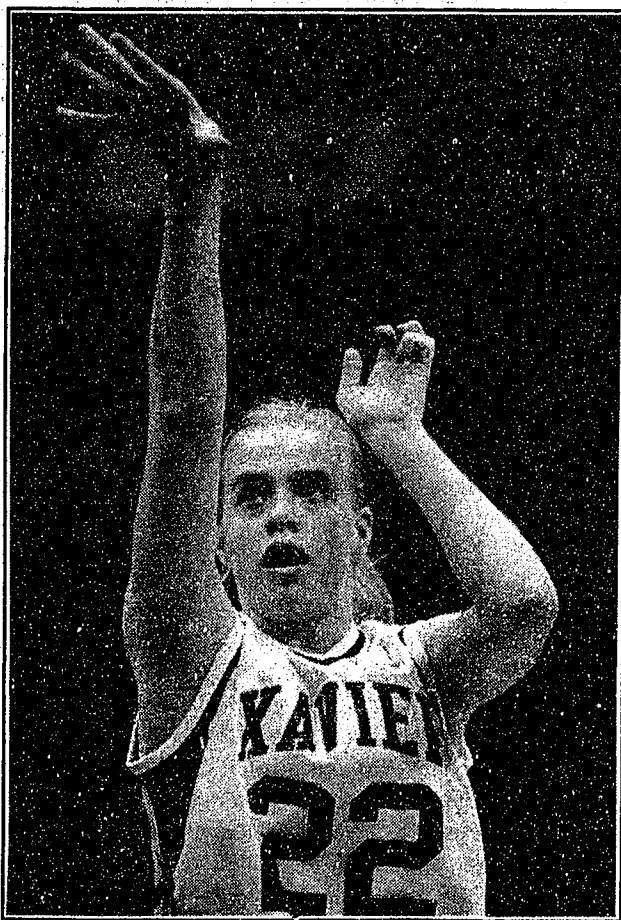


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Connie Hamberg has helped Xavier get out to a .500 start this season. The junior is averaging 13.3 points and 4.8 rebounds per game.

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Monday the Musketeers traveled to Terre Haute to face the Sycamores from Indiana State. Last year's Atlantic 10

newcomer of the year Susanna Stromberg finally broke out in the scoring column, netting 16 points, including eight in a row in the second half in the 88-78 Xavier victory.

Hamberg lit up the nets from three point range, gunning 4-8 from behind the arc and finishing with a team high 21 points.

Also scoring in double figures was Hotz with 16, while Greer and Rauh scored 13 and 10 respectively.

The freshmen tandem of Hotz and Greer once again turned in great all-around performances. Hotz had six boards, four assists and three steals. Greer had five assists and six thefts.

For her efforts, Hotz was named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the week. For the season, Hotz is second on the team in scoring at

15.3 points a game. She is also leading the team in rebounding with 6.5 per contest, and is second on the team in steals with 10.

Greer has been equally impressive, averaging seven points, seven assists and four steals a game for the Muskies.

"Kim and Tina play extremely well together."

Balcomb said, "It's kinda of hard to believe with Kim being from Wisconsin and Tina from Los Angeles, but they've adapted really well to our philosophy."

Through the Musketeers first four games, Rauh is the leading scorer with 15.8 points per game.

Hamberg is also averaging in double figures with 13.3 ppg.

The Musketeers will get a lift when junior guard Kiesha Brown returns to full strength. She has been battling the flu for much of the early season. Brown averaged 11.1 points for the Muskies last season.

Next up for the Muskies is a trip up I-71 to Columbus to face the Ohio State Buckeyes on Friday. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

"The Buckeyes have a great inside game and we have to try to keep the ball from going down low," said Balcomb. "Marcie Alberts is a great point guard so Tina will be challenged."

## The Frosh Files

**Kim Hotz**

Height: 6'0"  
Position: guard/  
forward  
Hometown:  
Sheboygan, Wis.

### 1996 Statistics

G	Pts	Avg	Reb	Avg	Ass	Stl
4	61	15.3	26	6.5	8	10

--plays inside and outside  
--great quickness & agility

**Tina "L.A." Greer**

Height: 5-1  
Position: point guard  
Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.

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4	28	7.0	13	3.3	30	20

--great hands defensively  
--good vision and passing

"It's great that Rauh and Hamberg are playing well," said Balcomb, "but we just aren't getting enough shots inside. If you look at our post players' percentages, they're shooting well; we're just not getting them the ball enough."

Greer played another great game, scoring eight points, dealing out 10 assists and making seven steals.

"Tina's defense really gets the opponents point rattled," said Hamberg, "She's really learned a lot and the way she's came in right away and performed as a freshman is just outstanding."

Balcomb said, "Tina's turnover to assist ratio has been good and she's been handling pressure extremely well for

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# 'Mars Attacks!' with laughs

BY SOREN BAKER  
THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

Science fiction movies are often dismissed by serious movie critics, but "Mars Attacks!" the new spoof directed by Tim Burton, proves that this genre can laugh at itself while the audience does the same.

A cast chock full of superstars certainly doesn't hurt, but with such entertaining Martians and a well developed script, it would be difficult to wrestle this beast of a movie from its comedic course.

Jack Nicholson plays both President James Dale and slimy hotel entrepreneur Art Land.

As one of the few characters who wears plain clothes, the President seems as out of touch with the times as Bob Dole appeared during campaign interviews.

Glenn Close portrays a faithful first lady, while teen sensation Natalie Portman rounds out the first family with her delightful portrayal of the typical disobedient daughter.

Although this dysfunctional family could be laughed at all day, the real stars are the other minor characters and the charmingly evil aliens. Pierce Brosnan plays Professor Donald Kessler, the stereotypically stiff, big-brained scientist.

Despite his "expertise," Kessler routinely plays the fool, and ends up being kidnapped and altered by the aliens.

Fashion television host Nathalie Lake (Sarah Jessica Parker) serves as Kessler's love interest, even though she is involved with Jason Stone (Michael J. Fox), a big-time reporter from the fictional news



Martin Short's date has a good head on her shoulders in director Tim Burton's "Mars Attacks."

powerhouse GNN. Lake and Kessler's heady relationship becomes extremely outlandish, even perverse, when they are reunited on the alien's main spaceship.

The aliens, whose speech sounds like the cries of wounded ducks, are assumed to have come in peace, but that mistake is soon unearthed after they wipe out virtually all of their welcoming committee.

Whether mimicking male fascination with "Playboy," altering the American scientists' translating

machine or blasting away at their human hosts, the cranially challenged aliens provide laughs for days.

Even with all of the high-tech information and destructive machinery our government is supposedly able to employ, a decidedly non-technical, widespread irritant saves the day.

Unlike a movie such as "Independence Day," where the aliens attempt to conquer the earth for its resources, these aliens act like petulant junior high kids screwing around during lunch break. They give justification neither for their

angst nor their conquest of the planet.

Burton is able to weave in and out of several different situations and a multitude of fantastic supporting actors, including Martin Short, Tom Jones, Jim Brown, Lisa Marie and Pam Grier to produce a comedy of cosmic proportions.

"Mars Attacks!" is a holiday treat. When these holiday guests try to snatch your goodies, you'll enjoy every minute of it.

## Sure to please holiday activities

BY SHAUNA POPE  
THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

• Enjoy the Arts and START (Sample The ARTs) offer membership programs to students and young professionals age 30 or younger for \$35.

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Enjoy the Arts is for full-time students and costs \$24.50 for one year or \$39 for two years.

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Persons interested in getting or giving a membership should contact Enjoy the Arts/START at 621-4700.

Students who mention that they read about Enjoy the Arts in *The Xavier Newswire* will receive \$5 off the cost of their membership.

•• Meijer Holiday in Lights is currently being displayed in Sharon Woods.

The event will run every night through Dec. 31, with the exception of

Christmas Day.

The display is built over a one-mile stretch and includes over 80,000 lights strung along 500 trees.

It also features more than 80 moving and standing holiday theme figures depicting everything from Santa Claus and his elves to toy soldiers and reindeer.

An added attraction this year is the new GE Tunnel of Lights — a 250-foot tunnel of sparkling white dancing lights.

The event is sponsored by General Electric, WGR-FM, WKRC-TV, Time Warner and Community Press.

In addition to viewing the light displays, motorists can tune to a special frequency on their car radios to hear holiday music while driving through the display.

Also, hayrides will be offered Thursday through Sunday evenings at a cost of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under.

Admission to Meijer Holiday in Lights is \$6 per car, \$25 per 40 passenger bus and \$15 per passenger van larger than 15 passengers.

Special promotional nights with

reduced admission will be held throughout the duration of the event.

One such discounted evening is this Thursday, when Meijer Holiday in Lights will celebrate St. Nicholas Day. Anyone dressed as Santa Claus will receive half price admission.

Persons seeking more information may call the Meijer Holiday in Lights Hotline at 287-7130.

••• On Saturday, the Peaslee Neighborhood Center will present its eighth annual holiday program.

The program will feature a performance by the Over-the-Rhine Steel Drum Band.

The event will take place at the Salvation Army Worship Center, 114 East Central Parkway, Downtown. The festivities will begin at 3 p.m.

Admission is a suggested \$2-\$5 donation.

Persons seeking more information may contact the Peaslee Neighborhood Center at 621-5514.

DIVERSIONS



## DIVERSIONS *briefs*

### Music, poetry, acting

The Performance and Time Arts Series will continue its 1996-1997 season Friday and Saturday at The Dance Hall in Corryville.

A collaborative mix of musicians, poets and actors will perform at 8 p.m. each night.

Included on the program will be the band Clifford Nevernew, which is made up of local musicians Matt Hart, Eric Appleby and Pete Janidlo.

Poet Terri Ford will read "Grouting Made Easy."

Steve Pruitt, a performance artist, will pass on the responsibility of stage/technical manager and will appear on stage.

Veteran dancer/choreographer Cheryl Wallace will grace the stage with an expressive improvisation.

Classically-trained Amberly Lashley will sing her poetry while performance artist/writer Glenn Becker presents a new work.

Admission to the event is \$5.

A series ticket good for five performances will be available for \$20 at the door.

The five admission tickets are transferable and may be used for any performance in the 1996-1997 season.

Persons seeking more information should contact Jefferson James at 751-2857.

### Egyptian 'Mistress'

The Cincinnati Art Museum is presenting a variety of programs in conjunction with the exhibition "Mistress of the House, Mistress of Heaven: Women in Ancient Egypt."

On Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m., Anne Capel, guest curator of the exhibition, will give the lecture, "Sacred Sounds: The Regalia Used by Priestesses During Worship."

The event will be held in the Museum's Lecture Hall.

Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for CAM members and \$3 for college students.

Another program is an audio tour that accompanies the exhibition.

It is narrated by Madame Jehan Sadat, widow of the former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

The tour can be rented at a cost of \$4 for non-museum members and \$3 for CAM members.

A gallery guide, written by Anne Capel, is free to everyone who views the "Women in Ancient Egypt" exhibit.

A Family Guide is also available for families who visit the exhibition.

Persons seeking more information or reservations can call 721-0300.

### Buy books cheap

F&W Publications, Inc., located at 3637 Woodburn Ave., will be holding a book sale Friday from 4-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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information compiled by Shauna Pope

# 'Space' jammed

BY DAVE CAPPELLETTY  
THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

About 15 years ago, making a full-length feature film in which the main characters were both humans and cartoons would have been virtually impossible.

But Disney paved the way with "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," which then brought about "Cool World" with Gabriel Byrne.

Now we have "Space Jam" with the basketball god Michael Jordan, the infamous Bugs Bunny and the rest of the Looney Toons characters.

The film begins in Michael's back yard when he was a young kid.

He is shooting hoops and predicting his future of playing for North Carolina, the NBA, baseball and eventually learning to fly.

This five minute introduction guides the viewer through the credits that detail the entire history of Michael's professional career from high school to minor league baseball.

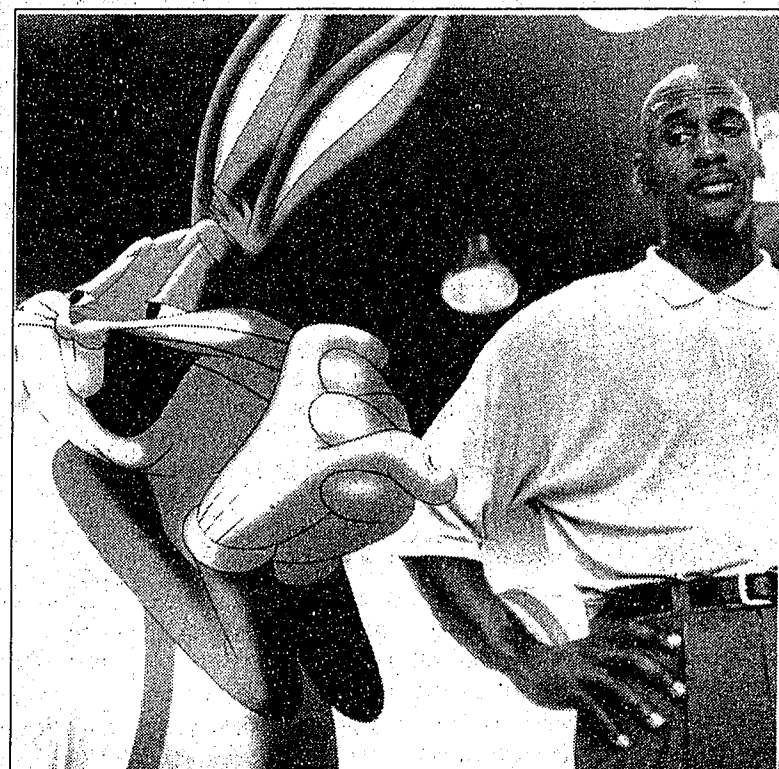
Michael's life seems easy going, especially since the minor league team's publicist, Wayne Knight (Newman on "Seinfeld"), is there to make sure everything Michael wants, Michael gets.

One day, Michael, Larry Bird and Bill Murray are playing golf.

Michael sinks a hole-in-one, and as he goes to retrieve the ball, he is pulled down into the center of the earth and into the Warner Brothers world by (who else?) Bugs Bunny.

Bugs "kidnaps" Michael in order to save he and his toon pals from being forced into slavery on the miserably unexciting theme park, Moron Mountain.

With some clever trickery, Bugs convinces the evil monsters that it is customary for the abductor and the abducted to have a contest — a game of



Bugs Bunny and Michael Jordan talk basketball strategy in the action/animated comedy, "Space Jam."

basketball.

The monsters, or Mon-Stars, return to the Earth's surface to steal the talents of five NBA players: Patrick Ewing, Mugsy Bogues, Larry Johnson, Charles Barkley and Shawn Bradley (yes, Shawn Bradley!).

Since Michael is no longer a basketball player (hence the Mon-Stars could not steal his talent), Bugs convinces him to help them save their hides.

The rest of the movie revolves around the "impossible" game featuring the Looney Toons and Michael Jordan versus The Mon-Stars.

It does not take a genius to figure out who wins this battle.

Both Jordan and Warner Bros. look to make a great deal of money from this movie.

Although I have been a big Looney Toons fan since I was a kid, watching them every Saturday morning at 11:30 a.m., this movie was really painful to watch.

Those old skits were really funny for adults as well as kids.

Unfortunately, Warner Brothers producer Ivan Reitman ("Ghostbusters") and director Joe Pytko decided humor that would attract both old and young was not worth pursuing. Instead they favored to bring in thousands of kids and a heck of a lot of money.

If I were 10 years old again, I might have gotten a kick out of this movie. But not even Bugs can make up for a weak script.

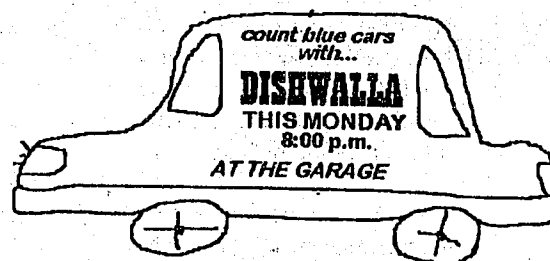
### Movie bit

Sylvester Stallone stars in "Daylight," a suspenseful action-adventure which opens nationwide on Friday.

Stallone has to dig his way out of a major commuter tunnel connecting Manhattan and New Jersey which was sealed by an accidental explosion.

Thankfully, it wasn't a sewage tunnel.

Nonetheless, something about this picture stinks.



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# CALENDAR



For the record, the C-Man loves the Editor-in-Chief's new logos! Aren't they so snazzy? Keep those events coming, monkeys!!!

## wednesday

•December 4  
•Welcome to Calendar City!  
Home of downsizing sections. International Coffee Hour will be in the Downunder because they have been downsized out of the Romero Center. Treats from Venezuela will be available from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Love that coffee! Love that event! Love those crazy commuters!

## thursday

•December 5  
"Particle Man... Particle Man ... is no relation to Calendar Man ... They have a fight, Calendar wins ... Calendar Man!!!" They Might Be Giants have stomped onto Bogart's for a happening night with all those hip tunes! The big fat guy opens the doors at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 281-8400 or don't.

## friday

•December 6  
•Break out the hats and whistle!!! Happy Hanukkah to all those of Jewish descent who attend a Jesuit school.

•College Friends are having a Christmas Party for the height impaired people of the local grade schools from 3:30-6 p.m. in the O'Connor Sports Center. The special Christmas Bash will feature Ole' Blue Eyes belting out some happening tunes for those cute munchkins.

•The music department has decided to show the Players how to really put on a musical. That's right, the music department presents its first production, Amahl and the Night Visitors, a Christmas Opera by Gian Carlo Menotti. Performances run this weekend in the University Theatre. General admission is \$6 and \$3 with those dandy All-Cards present.

•Happy Belated B-Day to Val and that weathered old sage, Elizabeth Hofherr. Remember, you're only as old as you feel! Val quit drinking!

## saturday

•December 7  
•The Xavier Concert Band will be performing some happening Christmas tunes for their concert, "A Carol of Christmas!" Not only will the band play hip traditional favorites, but as a bonus feature the singing twins of music, (Dr.) Valerie Faye Briones and Jen "It was nice meeting you ..." Zender will be belting out the tunes! If that isn't enough, the C-Man's roommate, Brawny, has composed a variation of one of those hip traditional favorites! So, paint your bodies red and green and head to Bellarmine Chapel at 4 p.m.

## sunday

•December 8  
•Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* is here!!! The masquerade has come to the Queen City's Aronof Center. Tickets range from \$15 (behind the pole) to \$65 (on the freakin' stage). For more information, call 621-2787.

•Forget those teen angst DeeJays of the airwaves! WVXU 91.7 FM has Rabbit Ears, a show featuring popular stars narrating children stories. Tonight features a Hanukkah based tale, *Tree of the Dancing Goat*, narrated by Patricia Palacco and accompanied by the Klezmer Conservatory Band. Once upon a time ... begins at 6 p.m.

## monday

•December 9  
•It's Monday ... who cares!!! Who cares that finals begin a week from today?! Just seven more days?! Just one hundred and sixty-eight hours?! Really, it doesn't bother me at all.

## tuesday

•December 10  
•Check it out, baby!!! Pete-orific has taken time-out from flirting with his chicks to tell the C-Man to **Get Ready to Rumble!!!** The men's basketball team (we won the Crossover Shootout!) will hit the court with libidinous Long Island! Tip off is at 7:30 p.m. at the lovely Cincinnati Gardens! The boys in blue are hot, so get on the magic bus before it turns into a band wagon!!!

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